

According to an October 11th 2004 Washington Post article on page A07, Sinclair Broadcasting - owner of the largest chain of TV stations in the nation - plans to preempt regular prime-time programming two weeks before the Nov. 2 election to air a documentary that accuses Senator Kerry of betraying American prisoners during the Vietnam War.

This is against the law. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is mandated to serve the public interest. The decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is clearly a political move that serves partisan interests.

Sinclair's plans show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, and why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.